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In re the application of: Jeffrey T. Harvey

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RCE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action, Paper No. 4, dated December 5, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application, without prejudice, as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claims 13, 14 and 17 as follows:

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- 1 13. (Amended) A raised load bearing floor system for mounting upon a non level
- 2 terrace that includes:
- 3 a plurality of spaced apart support pedestals mounted upon the terrace, said pedestals
- 4 having coplanar horizontally disposed top surfaces,
- 5 a plurality of high strength load bearing grate panels, each of said panels containing a
- 6 series of perforations, said grate panels being mounted upon the coplanar top surfaces of said
- 7 pedestals, so that each grate panel is supported at each of its corners upon one of said
- 8 pedestals and each of said grate panels being in abutting relation to establish a continuous
- 9 raised load bearing sub floor over said terrace; and
- 10 a plurality of paving blocks disposed onto a top surface of said grate panels, said
- 11 paving blocks being arranged in an interlocking relationship upon said grate panels to
- 12 establish an upper floor, the area between said pedestals being substantially greater than the
- 13 surface area of <sup>each</sup> said paving blocks, said blocks being fabricated of a material capable of
- 14 sustaining heavy traffic without appreciable wear.
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